

CHAPTER 1.1.1.

DEFINITIONS

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Aquaculture ~~*Aquacultural activities*~~

any activity concerning farming, including *marketing, processing, etc.*, of *aquatic animals*.

Buffer zone¹

means an area established and maintained using measures based on the epidemiology of the disease under consideration, to prevent spread of the *disease agent* out of the *infected zone*.

The *buffer zone* should be established by the *Competent Authority(ies)* concerned and subjected to *surveillance* to confirm there has been no spread from the *infected zone*.

Compartment

one or more *aquaculture establishments* under a common biosecurity management system containing an aquatic animal population with a distinct health status with respect to a specific *disease* or *diseases* for which required surveillance, and control and biosecurity measures are applied and *basic biosecurity conditions* are met applied for the purpose of international trade. Such *compartments* must be clearly documented by the *Competent Authority(ies)*.

Diseases listed by the OIE

diseases that fulfil the criteria outlined are listed in Chapter 1.1.23. of this *Aquatic Code*.

Free compartment

means a *compartment* that fulfils the requirements for freedom from the *disease* under consideration, according to the relevant chapter in this *Aquatic Code*.

Free country

means a country that fulfils the requirements for freedom from the *diseases* under consideration listed by the OIE according to the relevant chapter in this *Aquatic Code*. and approved as such by a *Competent Authority*.

Free zone

means a *zone* that fulfils the requirements for freedom from the *diseases* under consideration listed by the OIE according to the relevant chapter in this *Aquatic Code*. and approved as such by a *Competent Authority*.

Infected zone – current definition (Code 2004)

means a clearly defined *zone* in which a *disease* of *aquatic animals* included in this *Aquatic Code* has been diagnosed. This area must be clearly defined and decreed by the *Competent Authority* in accordance with the environment, the different ecological and geographical factors, the epidemiological factors and the type of *aquacultural activity* being practised.

Within and at the border of an *infected zone*, there must be official veterinary control of *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products*, their *transportation* and *slaughtering*.

The time during which the *infected zone* designation remains in effect will vary according to the *disease* and to the sanitary measures and control methods applied.

¹ The text highlighted in yellow shows changes made to the text at the January 2005 meeting of the Commission.

Infected zone – definition proposed

means a *zone* in which a *disease* has been diagnosed. The *infected zone* must be clearly defined by the *Competent Authority(ies)* concerned and may be separated from the rest of a country by a *buffer zone*.

Infection

means the presence of a multiplying or otherwise developing *disease agent* in a *host*.

Notification

the procedure by which:

- a) the *Veterinary Administration* informs the *Central Bureau*,
 - b) the *Central Bureau* informs the *Veterinary Administrations* of Member Countries
- of the ~~suspicion or~~ confirmation of a *disease outbreak*, according to the provisions of Section 1.2. of this *Aquatic Code*.

Water catchment

an area or basin of land bounded by natural features such as hills or mountains, ~~into from~~ which all run-off water flows.

Zone – current definition (Code 2004)

means a portion of one or more countries comprising an entire catchment area from the source of a waterway to the estuary, more than one catchment area, part of a catchment area from the source of a waterway to a barrier, or a part of the coastal area, or an estuary with a precise geographical delimitation, that consists of a homogeneous hydrological system. Such ~~zones~~ must be clearly delineated on a map of the *territory* of the country(ies) concerned by the *Competent Authority*.

Zone – definition proposed

a portion of one or more countries comprising:

- a) an entire *water catchment* from the source of a waterway to the estuary or lake, or
- b) more than one *water catchment*, or
- c) part of a *water catchment* from the source of a waterway to a barrier that prevents the introduction of specific *disease or diseases*, or
- d) part of a coastal area with a precise geographical delimitation, or
- e) an estuary with a precise geographical delimitation,

that consists of a contiguous hydrological system with a distinct health status with respect to a specific *disease or diseases* for which required surveillance and control measures are applied and *basic biosecurity conditions* are met for the purpose of *international trade*. All areas of the zone must have the same health status. The zones must be clearly documented (e.g. by a map or other precise locators such as GPS co-ordinates) by the *Competent Authority(ies)*.